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Nebraska Monthly Unemployment Rate Sees Slight Increase

LINCOLN- The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska's preliminary unemployment rate for July is 2.7 percent, seasonally adjusted. The jobless rate is up 0.1 percentage points from the June rate and down 0.6 percentage points from the July 2014 rate of 3.3 percent.

"Once again we see a substantial increase in nonfarm employment compared to a year ago," said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. "We saw new highs in information, leisure and hospitality and other services."

Nonfarm employment in July was 998,779, up by 7,831 compared to last July. Private industries with the most growth year over year were education and health services (up 4,195), leisure and hospitality (up 2,596) and other services (up 2,006). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in other services (up 497), mining and construction (up 481) and leisure and hospitality (up 473).

The seasonally-adjusted national unemployment rate for July is 5.3 percent, unchanged from the June rate and down 0.9 percentage points from the July 2014 rate of 6.2 percent.

August 2015 data will be published Friday, September 18.

Labor Force Estimates - National, State, Omaha MSA, Lincoln MSA

Labor Force Estimates - National (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jul-15	Jun-15	Jul-14	Jun-15	Jul-14
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	6.2	0.0	-0.9

Labor Force Estimates - Nebraska (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jul-15	Jun-15	Jul-14	Jun-15	Jul-14
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.6	3.3	0.1	-0.6
Labor Force	1,006,883	1,009,325	1,022,095	-2,442	-15,212
<i>Unemployment</i>	27,632	26,643	33,328	989	-5,696
<i>Employment</i>	979,251	982,682	988,767	-3,431	-9,516

Labor Force Estimates - Omaha MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jul-15	Jun-15	Jul-14	Jun-15	Jul-14
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.2	3.9	0.0	-0.7
Labor Force	482,449	478,592	488,011	3,857	-5,562
<i>Unemployment</i>	15,520	15,500	18,836	20	-3,316
<i>Employment</i>	466,929	463,092	469,175	3,837	-2,246

Labor Force Estimates - Lincoln MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jul-15	Jun-15	Jul-14	Jun-15	Jul-14
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.6	3.2	-0.1	-0.7
Labor Force	178,477	176,472	180,565	2,005	-2,088
<i>Unemployment</i>	4,451	4,614	5,836	-163	-1,385
<i>Employment</i>	174,026	171,858	174,729	2,168	-703

Labor Force Estimates - Grand Island MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Jul-15	Jun-15	Jul-14	Jun-15	Jul-14
Unemployment Rate	4.9	3.1	5.6	1.8	-0.7
Labor Force	45,555	44,933	46,788	622	-1,233
<i>Unemployment</i>	2,248	1,409	2,600	839	-352
<i>Employment</i>	43,307	43,524	44,188	-217	-881

NOTE: Data is revised on a monthly basis. Data for previous years is benchmarked annually and is subject to change. MSAs represent Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Seasonally-adjusted data for the Omaha MSA and the Lincoln MSA is available about two weeks following this release. The seasonally-adjusted data can be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm> or <http://networks.nebraska.gov/analyzer>.

Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MC)	Counties included	Jul-15 (Preliminary)	Jun-15 (Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	3.5	3.6
Columbus MC	Platte	2.7	2.9
Fremont MC	Dodge	3.3	3.3
Hastings MC*	Adams, Clay	3.2	3.1
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	2.5	2.5
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	3.0	2.9
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	2.7	2.8
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	2.8	2.8
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner, Sioux	3.3	3.5
Red Willow SA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	3.0	3.0

*Hastings MC is a single county MC in 2015 (Clay County was dropped)

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The next scheduled release is August 2015 data on Friday, September 18, 2015.
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